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Crime Watch News

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

Task Force for Regional Auto Theft Prevention (T.R.A.P.)

Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

Long Beach Water Department
1800 East Wardlow Road

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about auto burglary and auto theft prevention.

Help us honor our Gold Shield Award Recipients:

- LaRose Hodges, 300 Block of Market Street
- Sharman Wallace, 1600 Block of Grand Avenue
- Raymond Martinez, 800 Block of Via Carmelitos
- Virgia Wade, 1900 Block of Lime Avenue

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Have you ever wanted to be a police officer? Or, have you ever wanted to learn more about the Long Beach Police Department? If so, we have two exciting opportunities that are designed to meet your needs.



Reserve Police Officer: This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the community and receive the same professional level of training offered to all Long Beach Police Officers, while still maintaining your current employment. Reserves perform many interesting and important duties. Some of those duties include: uniformed patrol, parole and gang sweeps, vice/narcotics operations, parades, sporting events, DUI checkpoints, special events and other related assignments. The Reserve Academy is designed to fit in to today's busy schedules. Classes are held at night and on some Saturdays for approximately ten months. Who knows, you may like it and decide to join the team on a full-time basis!

Community Police Academy: This is a course designed to give you insight into the workings of the Long Beach Police Department and the criminal justice system. The program is held one night a week, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and lasts for 15 weeks. During that time, you will hear from experts in various fields, including criminal law, narcotics, patrol operations, youth services and D.A.R.E., as well as K-9 and SWAT. And, if you desire, you will have the opportunity to ride along with an officer in patrol. What a great way to see police work—through the windshield of a police car!

Both opportunities begin soon, so don't be left out...make the call now! You can obtain an application or more information online at www.longbeachpd.org (click on Volunteer Groups) or call Sergeant Tim O'Donnell at (562) 570-5965.



ANTHONY W. BATTS
CHIEF OF POLICE

CHIEF'S THANK YOU MESSAGE

35TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

It is with honor that I serve you as Chief of one of the finest Police Departments in this nation. I am proud of each and every one of you, both private citizens and members of the Police Department alike. Your willingness to serve your fellow man is impressive. You are truly heroes and make a difference in our community.

As I begin my tenure as Chief of Police, I am encouraged by the partnership that we share with the community on a daily basis. The Police Department cannot solve community problems alone, and the dedication and support that the community provides to this department is crucial to our collective success. We must continue to work hard, as one city, to balance our individual needs for the betterment of all. On March 4, 2003, we celebrated our 25th Annual Awards Luncheon in honor of just a few who stepped forward to help others in need, often at great personal risk, or performed at a level of excellence during the year 2002. This year's award recipients are a testament to what we can accomplish together.

The following is a list of the Long Beach Police Department's 2002 award recipients:

Certificate of Community Service Award:

Darryl Adams	Christopher Burchett
Steven Calhoun	Del Davis
Felinda Ellis	Liebe Geft
Santos Guerrero	Emily Heaslet
Michael Hierholzer	Charles Milbrat
Adam Sauer	Caroline Villa
Mental Health Clinician Anthony Kelly	

The following is a list of members of the Long Beach Police Department 2002 award recipients:

<u>Medal of Valor:</u>	Officer Ciaran Crawford
	Officer William A. Johnston
	Officer Bret T. Milovich

Meritorious Award Class A: Officer David Faris

Meritorious Award Class B:

Corporal Ron Quarn	Detective Bruce Robertson
Officer Philip E. Golia	Detective Hector Gutierrez
Officer Michael Jackson	Officer Michael Bolling
Officer Ralph Garcia	Officer Don Kehoe
Officer Joseph Seminara	Officer Sovanna Ly
Officer Dennis P. Zigrang	

Meritorious Award Class C:

Sergeant Ernie Kohagura	Sergeant Alexander Avila
Sergeant Jerry M. Gibbs	Corporal John P. Stolpe
Officer Bill Swaim	Officer Jeff V. Harris
Officer Fernando Jimenez	Officer Ralph Garcia
Officer John Gibbs	Officer David R. Schillig
Officer David Konkoly	Officer Norman Mikkelsen

Recognition of Excellence Award:

Intelligence Analyst John Gill
Police Service Assistant Marlene Arrona
Security Officer Nahin Cesar Anaya-Zavala
Communications Dispatcher Shaleana Benson

Chief's Community Policing Award:

Officer Chris Anderson
Officer Tom Purcell

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On behalf of the Long Beach Police Department, I would like to thank you and extend my gratitude to all of the sponsors for their generous contributions to honor the heroes of our community. The following is a partial list of sponsors for this event:

- The Long Beach Police Officers Association (POA)
- The Honorary Members of the POA
- The Long Beach Press-Telegram
- SMG Foods & Beverages
- DENSO Sales California, Inc.
- PROJECTION - Presentation Technology
- United Parcel Service (UPS)
- The Queen Mary
- Law Office of Cantrell, Green, Pekich, Cruz & McCort
- Long Beach City Attorney's Office
- Long Beach Police Command Officers Association
- Fleet Reserve Association - Branch 43
- TREXPO - Law Enforcement's Tactical Response Show
- Long Beach Police Personnel Division

Congratulations to the Police Department employees and citizens recognized here. They are deserving of the honors bestowed upon them. Thank you too, for all your dedication and support. Working together, I have faith that we can accomplish great things in the years to come.

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION**LOCK away your valuables!****LOCK your car! LOCK out thieves!**

Each day, vehicles are stolen throughout Southern California. Unfortunately, in the City of Long Beach, there is no exception. While a thief drives or walks around looking for a vehicle to steal, he wants to find one that he can open and start as quickly as possible. Our mission here is to provide you with the tools and knowledge to make your vehicle less likely to become the target of an auto theft or auto burglary.

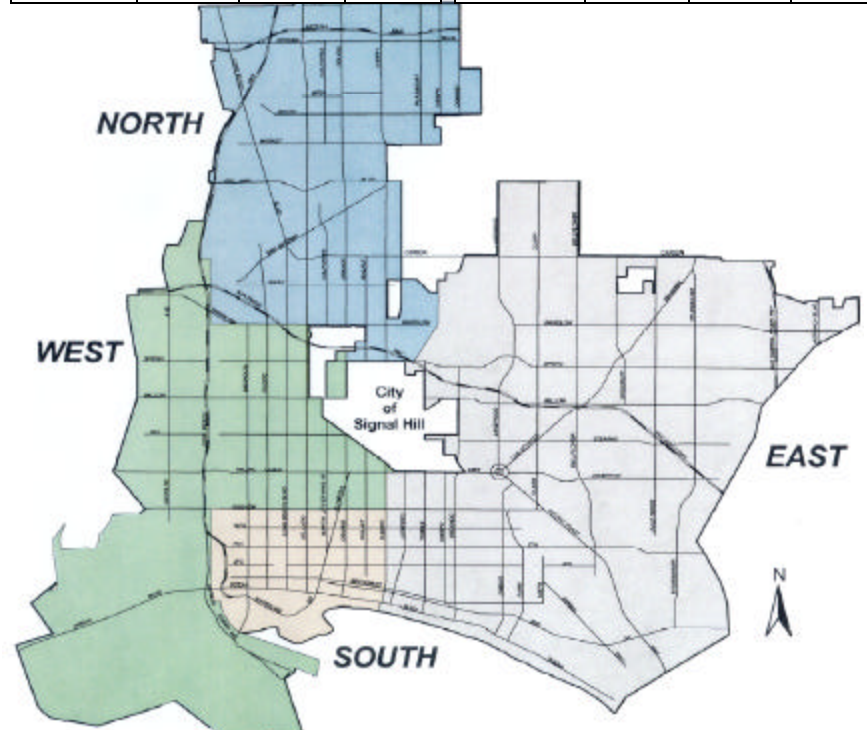
There are two main reasons a thief would want to break into your car. The first is to take anything of value that can be seen inside of your vehicle. Purses, wallets, stereos, sports equipment and tools, are all fair game to a thief. If you do nothing else, remember to either remove or hide valuable property within your vehicle. Do not leave items visible to the thief who looks into your car. Remember, your vehicle can be broken into just as easily whether it is parked in your driveway, under a carport, in a parking garage or on the street. When you leave your property in a visible place within your car, you are creating an open invitation for someone to break in and take it. Also, if your checkbook or wallet is stolen, you will, in all likelihood, become the victim of identity theft.

The second reason is to deprive you of your vehicle. Car thieves are generally amateurs who work on opportunity. The best opportunity you can offer a thief is to leave your vehicle running and unattended, even if just for a few minutes. Other opportunities include keys left in the vehicle and vehicles left in dark areas.

The Long Beach Police Department recognizes the fact that auto thefts and auto burglaries have increased in the recent months. Community policing, focused patrols and an increased emphasis on public education are just some of the ways that the community and the Police Department can work together to control the rise of auto thefts and auto burglaries.

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AUTO BURGLARY AND AUTO THEFT

SOUTH DIVISION	November 2002	December 2002	January 2003	EAST DIVISION	November 2002	December 2002	January 2003
Auto Burglary	77	74	68	Auto Burglary	225	210	159
Auto Theft	56	61	86	Auto Theft	82	93	135



NORTH DIVISION	November 2002	December 2002	January 2003	WEST DIVISION	November 2002	December 2002	January 2003
Auto Burglary	88	80	109	Auto Burglary	59	63	71
Auto Theft	91	96	94	Auto Theft	106	97	84

Auto Burglary-Penal Code Section 459

Any person who enters a locked vehicle, without the permission of the owner, with the intent to remove and take items from within the vehicle.

Auto Theft-Vehicle Code Section 10851(a)

Any person who drives or takes a vehicle not his or her own, without the consent of the owner, with the intent to permanently or temporarily deprive the owner of possession of the vehicle.

CITYWIDE STATISTICS	November 2002	December 2002	January 2003
Auto Burglary	449	427	407
Auto Theft	335	347	399

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION (Continued from page 3)

You can prevent car theft! Most cars are stolen by amateurs who can be stopped fairly easily. You can protect your car against auto theft by taking the following sensible precautions:

LOCK UP

- Lock the doors and take the keys with you even if you are making a "quick stop"
- Roll the windows up all the way and secure vent or wind wing windows
- Lock the trunk or tailgate
- Remove valuables such as cellular phones, stereos, and gift wrapped packages, or lock them in the trunk
- Never leave your car running, even if you will only be gone for a minute



- If your car is rear-wheel drive, back into your driveway, otherwise park front end first
- Always use your emergency brake
- Park in a garage whenever possible and lock the car and the garage door

USE ANTI-THEFT DEVICES



- Ignition kill switch - an inexpensive toggle switch attached to the ignition or starter wire
- Fuel kill switch - a valve that prevents the flow of fuel
- Steering wheel lock - prevents the steering wheel from being turned properly
- Floorboard lock - disables the gas or break pedal
- Gearshift lock - disables shifting of the transmission by locking it in place
- Tire/wheel lock - wraps around the wheel and prevents the vehicle from moving
- Hood lock - prevents the thief from gaining access to the security system and battery
- Alarm system - sounds when a door, hood, or trunk is opened.

PARK CAREFULLY

- Turn your wheels toward the curb
- Park in well lighted areas when possible
- If you park in an attended lot or valet park, only leave the ignition/door key
- If possible, park your car in a lot where you do not have to leave your keys
- Do not leave your car in an unattended parking lot for an extended period of time

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